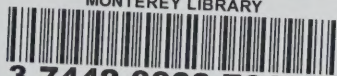


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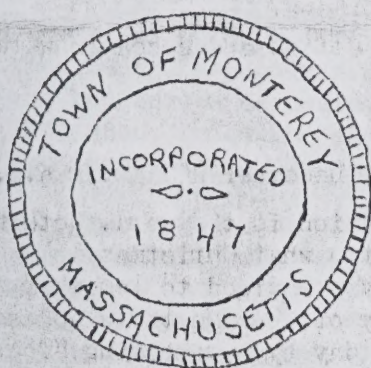
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Historically, we have been discarding waste carelessly at little or no cost as part of our way of life. Monterey is now confronted with a solid waste disposal problem which requires action: namely, Section 150-A of Chapter III of the General Laws. The State Department, armed with this Law, as recently amended, has set its sights on elimination of solid waste disposal in the open dump with burning, replacing this method of disposal by sanitary land fill. Our Board plans to carefully evaluate our present refuse disposal operation to determine the expenditures required to develop an operation which conforms with the regulations for sanitary landfills.

Some of the possibilities are as follows:

1. Do nothing more than what we have done in the past, costing \$800, and leaving the door open to Superior Court action which could cost the Town \$500 each day that it failed to comply with State orders.
2. Join the ten other towns, or several towns, on a District sanitary land fill operation. The cost of the initial formation of this operation would be \$13,000 to \$15,000.
3. Develop new local methods which would meet State requirements and curtail the citizens' free daily use of the dump. The cost of this would be \$4,500 to \$6,500 annually.
4. Organize a committee to study the long-range effect of this new law on our community, and develop suggested solutions.

We feel that Items 3 and 4 present the best immediate solution to our problem.

Robert M. Gauthier, Chairman
Board of Health

FEBRUARY HEARING ON ROUTE 23 BYPASS

The Monterey News has received more comments in response to the publication of the articles for and against the proposed Route 23 Bypass than on anything else published. Those who were most appreciative of the information were persons who live out of town but have summer or weekend homes in Monterey.

In the community interest is running high on this issue, and there is a need for clarification of what is actually proposed, as a continuing part of our information. Unfortunately, such issues about which feelings run deep sometimes produce more heat than light. The Monterey News wants to have a part in keeping both year-round and part-time residents informed on developments.

A public hearing on 2.8 miles of the road is to be held in February. On Monday, February 1, 1971, the road design will be on display from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the social room of the church, with engineers present to answer questions. On Tuesday, February 2, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. the display will continue, with further opportunity for questions. Then, at 8:00 p.m., the hearing will take place and everyone will have a chance to give his point of view. Hopefully the town people will attend this hearing and use the opportunity for clarification and expression.



CHRISTMAS in MONTEREY

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CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Friday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Christmas is singing! Singing is for everyone -- even those who have trouble carrying a tune in a bucket. We will be singing carols for shut-in persons in the community. So come all of you -- children, youth, adults -- whoever you are, and join in the glad songs of Christmas. Travel will be by bus. Coffee and cocoa to warm up both body and spirit afterward.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.

The heart of Christmas is celebrated in worship. Celebration is the word. Nothing less than hearts and voices lifted up in joy will begin to catch what Christmas is about. Christmas is family time, and the families of Monterey are urged to remember that their joining together in worship can be a meaningful way of keeping the gladness of the season from going sour. The sermon will celebrate the day by remembering "There Was A Man." The music and carols of the season will give voice to all worshipers. "O come let us worship Christ the king."

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

What kind of a world is Christmas for? Is it for an imperfect and troubled world like ours, or does it fit only into a more ideal world? Here is an opportunity to hear in music and scripture the drama of the struggle between darkness and light. The affirmation of this presentation is that Christmas comes precisely into the kind of world in which kings slay innocent children and armies shoot defenseless men, women and children. The lights and shadows of our world appear in this presentation of the Christmas message. It is to be climaxed by an impressive candlelighting service in which each worshiper takes with him "a small piece of light" with which to live in a dark world.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 23, 7:00 p.m.

The traditional Monterey children's "Christmas Party" is continuing, even as it takes quite a different form this year. The original school and community organization patterns around which this event were built are all changed -- so it seems time to find a more fitting way to have a community celebration for our children. The party is for all Monterey children, up to and including the sixth grade. It will be in the social room of the church. Parents are asked to bring their children promptly at 7:00 p.m. and pick them up at 8:30 p.m. Those with very young children may need to stay with them.

Gifts will be given, but with quite a different emphasis than in past years. Each child is asked to bring a gift. It may be a new toy or piece of clothing for some other child. Or it may be a good used toy or article of clothing. But the child who receives it will not be in the room. The gifts will be given to the Southern Berkshire Community Action to distribute to other children in this area who will have little Christmas without it. State on the outside of the package whether the gift is for a boy or a girl, and the most suitable age.

The celebration for the children will consist of a brief drama presenting their gifts, a film, some carol singing, party games, refreshments and their own visitation by Santa Claus to give them an orange and a candy cane.

Adults may continue to share in the expenses of this celebration by leaving their contributions either with the Monterey Store or the Roadside Store. If anything in excess of expenses should be received it will be given to the Southern Berkshire Community Action to help further with those whose Christmas will at best be limited. May this celebration help us all remember that it is indeed blessed to give.

BURNING OF THE GREENS

Wednesday, January 6, 7:00 p.m.

Out of a time-honored old-world tradition comes this meaningful way to close the Christmas season and usher in Epiphany. All families in the community are invited to bring their Christmas trees and other greens to Greene Park any time during the day or just before seven o'clock. All who share their greens for this event help to add a bit more light to chase away the darkness. Coffee and cocoa in the social room afterward.



Upon the incorporation of the Town of Monterey in 1847, Wilbur C. Langdon, proprietor of the Langdon Store, was appointed Postmaster under the administration of James K. Polk. The original location of the Post Office area was at the right as one entered the front door of the store. A slot under the window on that side was for mailing when the store was closed.

When Wilbur Langdon died in 1877 his son, Henry Langdon, became Postmaster, and held the office until 1883, when William S. Bidwell, a partner in the general store at that time, was appointed to succeed him. He held the office until 1895,

when Henry Langdon was reappointed, remaining until his death in 1906. Julius Miner, who had served as assistant under Mr. Langdon, then became Postmaster and served until 1933 when, under the administration Franklin Delano Roosevelt, William Martin was appointed.

Upon Mr. Martin's appointment a building was erected by Wallace Tryon on his land near the bridge and was occupied for several years as the Post Office. It is now a private dwelling.

The Post Office moved back to the general store, where it was located during the remainder of Mr. Martin's service. He retired in 1953, and was succeeded by Peter Phillips, who served until May, 1960. Mr. John MacIver was then appointed.

The new Post Office was built in 1960 by Charles Slater of Tyringham, at that time owner of the Langdon Store.

(Research and writing of this article by Della Tryon in 1966)

4-H'ERS HOLD ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

The second annual Achievement Night was held in the town of Tyringham on November 13. 4-H'ers from Lee, South Lee, Stockbridge, Tyringham and Monterey received their pins and certificates for projects completed. Demonstrations from the various groups were presented. Mrs. Haswell, 4-H agent from Pittsfield, showed slides on 4-H Club work, and also on the 4-H Fair in August.

On November 20 the second Christmas Workshop, presented to all the youth groups in Monterey by the Monterey Extension Service and 4-H leaders, was a great success. Decorations were made from old Christmas cards, juice cans, yarn and paper plates. Approximately 50 boys and girls attended.

The Berkshire County Leaders and Special Awards Banquet was held November 20 in Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bynack and their daughter Susan attended. Receiving county medals from Monterey were Susan Bynack for the Horse Project, Karen Ryder for Home Improvement and Charlene Ryder, two medals, one for Dress Revue and the other for Photography.

A 4-H cooking group has been organized. Beginners are led by Mrs. Kenneth Heath, intermediates by Mrs. Paul Bynack, and the seniors work independently. The name of the group is "The Monterey Panhandlers."

Lois Ryder



Recently a person remarked to me about his dread of Christmas coming. His lament was that there was so much talk of merriment and joy. All this did not fit into the way he was feeling. He was blue about the world in general. He was blue over things in his own personal life. So, Christmas was coming. He dreaded it. He didn't feel merry. He was sure he wasn't going to. Furthermore, he wondered if maybe a lot of other people didn't have to put on an act "to bring off this Merry Christmas bit."

I must confess he forced me to ask questions of myself and my own celebration of Christmas. What is the honest man going to do about Christmas? Especially when his own feelings seem to be a million miles away from much of the talk that goes around at Christmas time?

Of course, when we get down to issues, Christmas really can't come off very well as a superficial kind of joy anyway. Consider a few facts from the story of Christmas. Jesus was born to a people who were in subjection to cynical Roman rulers. Fear and jealousy marked the political life of that time, so that rumors of a possible contender for power caused Herod to order all the children under two in Bethlehem to be killed. Furthermore, the Child who was born and in whom so much hope gathered finally died the death of a criminal for all his efforts to bring his people to a fuller life. If there is something to be merry about in these incidents it surely is something that does not meet the eye the first time around.

What in the world is all this talk about being merry at Christmas? The basis for joy in Christmas must not be sought in the absence of things that have the power to depress the honest man. The happiness of Christmas is written in the very face of a world that is full of bitter heartbreak. The Christmas story is about a darkness into which the light comes. It is about a world of despair into which hope comes. Indeed, Christmas comes most of all, not to the gay and light-hearted, but to those who sit in darkness. So if you dread the coming of Christmas because your heart is heavy, have courage. May Christmas come to you and no matter how dark the landscape, may you have a joy that no man can take from you.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

OUR CHURCHES

Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey
Masses during the summer only.

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River
Sunday Mass has been changed to 10:00 a.m.





THE BROWNIES have been very busy making attractive baskets of flowers, berries and grasses for the patients at the Nursing Home. They completed their very worthwhile project with a Christmas party on December 14 in the basement of the Library.

Elizabeth Pizzichemi

JUNIOR HI YOUTH GROUP

The newly formed Junior Hi Youth Group had its first meeting on December 6 in the social room of the church. They engaged in recreation, watching a film, "The Friendly Game", and did some thinking on others who might be interested in joining the group.

Their first service project was to make candles for a candlelight Christmas service. They are also helping in the program of the Children's Christmas Celebration on December 23.

The adult sponsor for this group is the Reverend Dr. Virgil V. Brallier.

MONTEREY YOUTH GROUP

After a late start this fall the Monterey Youth Group is gaining rapid momentum. On December 13 they sponsored a community dinner "With an Italian Accent" to raise funds for the support of an orphan child. Events are planned that will include a film-discussion once a month, as well as other educational and service activities. The winter highlight will be a skiing weekend in Vermont during school vacation in February.

The Reverend Harold Criswell, Jr., adult advisor to the group, brings a rich experience from his work as minister of education in South Church in Pittsfield before becoming director of guest services at Gould Farm.

THE CUB SCOUTS Pack meeting was held on December 4 at Sandisfield Town Hall. Mr. Robinson, from the Boy Scout office in Pittsfield, presented the Monterey Charter. He also presented awards and Bobcat pins. Monterey Scouts receiving Bobcat pins were Kenneth Heath, Shawn Ryder and Darrell Lemmerman. Remo Pizzichemi received a Bear badge, a silver arrow and a gold arrow. Donny Andrus received a Wolf badge and a gold arrow.

Patricia Andrus

THE GIRL SCOUTS have been meeting on Mondays after school in the church basement to work on badges -- Arrow and Star. They would welcome other members of the Troop who would like to join the project.

Mary Thorn

OUR SCHOOLS

The Room Mothers for the New Marlboro Center School and the New Marlboro-Monterey P.T.A. are as follows:

Monterey Kindergarten

Maureen Bradley
Evelyn Candee

Lower Primary

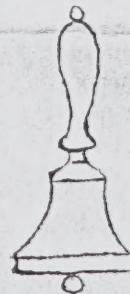
May Clark
Ann Makuc
Mildred Fennell
Joan Salzmman

Middle Primary

Gabriella Gower
Eva O'Brien
Barbara Gauthier
Johanna Jaszai

Upper Primary

Naomi Kickery
Elizabeth Pizzichemi
Linda Hebert
Mildred Wyman
Barbara Stanton
Patricia Ball



Margaret Vorck

Our last meeting on November 20 was a very informative and enjoyable one. Mr. J. Frank Lenaghan, Executive Director of Southern Berkshire Community Action, told us of the work carried on by his organization.

We had previously voted not to meet during the hard winter months of January and February, and this time we voted also to omit our December meeting. We are, however, carrying on our special projects. One is collecting good used or new clothing, linens, toys, etc. for distribution to needy people by Southern Berkshire Community Action. The other is a scholarship fund to help some Monterey student with college expenses.

BROOKBEND INN

Dinner

Week-days: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Sat.&Sun.: 1:00-9:00 p.m.

Bar Open

1:00-9:00 p.m.

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In the last issue of the Monterey News the financial problems attending its publication were presented. The Monterey United Church felt that a need existed for some common means of communication among the people and organizations of the town. The decision was made to experiment with some form of newspaper. It was subsidized to the extent of \$200. Experience proved that this was an inadequate amount to do the job for a year.

Because of the "financial crunch" an attempt was made in the last issue to determine whether the people receiving it considered The Monterey News of sufficient value to continue publication, and if so, whether there would be interest in helping to underwrite its cost. We are happy to report that the great majority of persons who responded expressed a warm desire for the newspaper to continue, and confirmed it with contributions ranging from \$1.00 to \$10.00.

We wish to recognize with thanks the following who sent contributions: John F. Adams, Dean Amidon, Thomas Andrus, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Azerrad, Henry Brooks, Faith B. Colt, Olive B. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dietter, Robert Donelan, Joseph E. Dzaluk, Ted Falcon, George P. Fitzpatrick, Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Gardner, Mario Gaumont, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gauthier, Jerome and Jean Germain, Harold Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Howes, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Janes, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jespersen, Eleanor Johnson, John, Anthony and Julius Jutt, I. Ketani, Ed Klepps, Amy Klier, W. V. Kniffin, Herbert Kraus, Fred Lancome, Mrs. Harold Lemmerman, Mrs. Fred Leuchs, Suzanne S. MacIver, Dr. Noel Mahn, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McKay, Helen G. McKay, Reverend and Mrs. Sidney McKee, George A. Mensi, Stephen Morse, Dr. W. B. Oislander, Charles R. O'Connor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Peter Phillips, Mrs. P. E. Plehn, Marion Schneider, Hazel Seifert, Helen B. Shaw, Mrs. Arthur Smith, Anne Vickerman, Margaret Vorck, Cynthia and Leonard Weber.

There may be some who intended to help but have not yet taken the opportunity to do so. Needless to say, it would be very encouraging if enough were received to assure publication through the coming year.

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